

NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION FOR ALL RESOURCES

Partnership of IllumiNative and the National Indian Education Association



ILLUMINATIVE



Grade Level

3-5

Subject

Social Studies

Lesson Title

Chickasaw's Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott : The Youngest Pilot

Activity Description: Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott was a Chickasaw woman who became the nation's youngest licensed pilot at age 13 in 1929. She was licensed at 13 years of age and flew solo at 14. Scott would eventually become a stunt pilot and later a legislator and advocate for Chickasaw Nation. She was awarded several Hall of Fame titles and will always be remembered as a Native American woman front-runner in aviation. This activity shares her story and accomplishments as well as a full length movie filmed by the Chickasaw TV Video Network. Learn how to make a flipbook as well.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- WiFi access (recommended)
- Small rectangle pieces of paper (can use index cards or a sticky note pad)
- Pen or pencil
- A large binder clip, stapler, or glue (if not using a sticky pad)
- Short article on [Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott Chickasaw Hall of Fame](#)
- List of [Native American Women Aviation Pioneers](#)

STEPS

Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott was a Chickasaw woman who learned to fly a plane and earned her pilot's license by the time she was 13. She is the youngest person to ever do that. Learn more about her in this activity and then have fun making a flipbook of Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott flying in an airplane.

Activity Steps:

1. First, read the short biography of [Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott](#) on the Chickasaw Hall of Fame website
 - a. What great things did Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott accomplish in her lifetime?
2. Next, read about Scott and a list of other women pilots in "[Native American Women Aviation Pioneers.](#)"
 - a. After learning about these Native American women who were leaders in aviation, how would you describe them? What lessons can we learn from their accomplishments?
 - b. What careers have you thought about for your future? How can you learn more about that career?

Flipbook Activity:

- Let's have fun with a flipbook! You can watch this [YouTube tutorial How to MAKE A FLIPBOOK](#) or follow these steps
1. Use a stack of small, rectangle-shaped blank pages (index cards or sticky notes). These should be the same size.
 2. Think of an easy way to draw Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott flying an airplane. Draw this on the first page of the stack of paper. Be sure to draw on the center or right side of the page since you will hold it on the left like a book.
 3. On the second page, draw the same image but make it slightly move toward the right side. For example, if you are drawing an airplane taking off, draw the plane moving very slowly toward up the right side of the page.
 4. Continue to draw your picture on each individual page, but slightly move or change the object each time until you have completed all the movements.
 5. Using a clip or stapler, secure the left side of the pages together to make a book.
 6. Then, use the lower right corner to flip through the pages quickly and watch your animation come alive!

**Family Time: After the activity, watch the movie "[Never Give Up: The live of Eula "Pearl" Scott](#)" from Chickasaw TV.

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HELPFUL TIPS

Parents and caregivers: Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott's story is an inspiration to Native young people, especially Native girls. This is an opportunity to encourage the future career dreams of your child and discuss what they are interested in learning or studying. Your child may not have considered becoming a pilot until hearing this story. Consider these activities to open discussion about future goals:

- If WiFi access is available, host a family or community movie night to watch the free, full-length film [Never Give Up: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott](#) produced by Chickasaw TV Video Network.
- To encourage your child, especially young women, in aviation careers, watch this video [Real Women Pilots: Women in Aviation](#).

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Families and educators: This activity highlights an accomplished but under-recognized Chickasaw woman. The nation needs more young women to join careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, usually called **STEM**, this is an excellent opportunity to encourage young people to think about future careers, especially in science fields. For more information and inspiration, visit these sites:

- To watch other free informational videos or films about the art, traditions, history, or influential people of Chickasaw Nation, visit the [Chickasaw TV Video Network](#) home page
- To learn more about STEM careers, visit this informational page just for students from the [National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity](#)

Activity Resources:

- "Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott" brief biography in the *Chickasaw Hall of Fame* <https://hof.chickasaw.net/Members/1995/Pearl-Carter-Scott.aspx>
- Native American Women Aviation Pioneers from the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum <https://airandspace.si.edu/stories/editorial/native-american-women-aviation-pioneers>
- YouTube tutorial How to MAKE A FLIPBOOK https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=Un-BdBSOGKY&feature=emb_logo

Additional Resources:

- "Eula 'Pearl' Scott "information page for *Chickasaw TV* <https://www.chickasaw.tv/profiles/eula-pearl-carter-scott-profile>
- *Never Give Up: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott* a full-length film produced by Chickasaw TV Video Network <https://www.chickasaw.tv/episodes/feature-films-season-1-episode-1-pearl>
- "Real Women Pilots: Women in Aviation" YouTube video by *Thrust Flight Academy* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iC4IQb_HVE
- "STEM Careers: Just For Students" from the *National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity* <https://napequity.org/professional-development/counselor-training/stem-careers-students/>